

**Resolution solidifying Franklin County's commitment to a strong and resilient local food system
(Commissioners)**

WHEREAS, food is a basic human need and all residents of Franklin County should have access to nutritious, affordable, and locally and sustainably grown food; and

WHEREAS, the regional food system significantly affects public health, land use, economy, and quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the food sector is critical to the economy of Franklin County, and a strong local food system of food production, processing, distribution, storage, access, and reuse protects our natural resources and contributes significantly to the environmental and economic well-being of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners recognizes that as a part of its health and sustainability mission it has a vital role in ensuring that the regional food system is robust and equitable; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is consistent with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' Core Principles; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio and its government agencies will consider the impacts to the local food system when making decisions regarding county operations, growth management, transportation, energy, water and air quality, and economic development.
2. That the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio will continue its efforts to increase residents' access to healthy, affordable food.
3. That the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio will continue its efforts to provide job training and entrepreneurship in fields that support a strong and resilient local food system.
4. That the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio will advocate for neighboring governmental entities to support a strong and resilient local food system.
5. That the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio will continue to participate in and support the efforts of the Franklin County Local Food Policy Council.

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